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(2) ARREST AND DENTION OF SRI M. KARUNANITHI, M.L.A.

9-30
a.m.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member Sri S. Madhavan has given notice of a motion of privilege regarding the arrest of Sri M. Karunanithi, which will be taken up tomorrow morning.

V.—CALLING ATTENTION TO INCIDENTS AT CHIDAMBARAM AND MADURAI IN CONNECTION WITH ANTI-HINDI AGITATION.

திரு. செ. மாதவன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, சமீபத்தில் நடைபெற்ற இந்தி எதிர்ப்புப் போராட்டம் சம்பந்தமாக சிதம்பரத்திலும் மதுரையிலும் நிகழ்ந்த சில சம்பவங்கள் மற்றும் அவற்றின் மீது போலீசார் எடுத்த நடவடிக்கைகள் குறித்த அவசரப் பொது முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த விஷயத்தைக் கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் அவர்களின் கவனத்திற்கு நான் கொண்டு வருகின்றேன்.

திரு. மீ. கலியாணசுந்தரம் : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, நானும் 41-வது விதியின் கீழ் ஒரு அறிவிப்பு கொடுத்திருக்கிறேன். ஆனால், ஒரு விண்ணப்பம். நான் அறிவிப்பு கொடுத்திருந்ததில் சிதம்பரம் சம்பந்தமாக மட்டும் தான் கொடுத்திருந்தேன். தனிக் தனியாகக் கொடுத்திருந்தேன். பலவற்றை ஒன்று சேர்க்கும் போது, என்ன என்ன நோக்கத்தோடு நாங்கள் அறிவிப்பு கொடுக்கிறோமோ, அதிலே சங்கடம் ஏற்படுகிறது.

MR. SPEAKER: Suppose the hon. Member Sri Madhavan's motion relates to Chidambaram and other places and the motion of the hon. Member Sri Kalyanasundaram relates to the incident in Chidambaram alone. What can the Speaker do in such cases?

திரு. மீ. கலியாணசுந்தரம் : இரண்டும் கூடியவரை தனிக் தனியாக இருப்பது தான் நலம். இந்தி எதிர்ப்புப் போராட்டம் பற்றிப் பூராவும் நான் அறிவிப்பு கொடுக்கவில்லை. துப்பாக்கிப் பிரயோகம் பற்றி மட்டும் கொடுத்திருக்கிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER: The point is this. Suppose one hon. Member gives notice of one aspect of a matter and another hon. Member includes that aspect also in his notice. Under such circumstances, the question is what the Speaker can do.

திரு. மீ. கலியாணசுந்தரம் : சேர்ந்திருப்பதும் ஒருவிதத்தில் நல்லது.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to make the following statement about this matter.

Incidents at Chidambaram.—At about 10-30 a.m. on 27th January 1965 about 4,000 students and others took out a procession out of the campus of the Annamalai University carrying torches and an effigy of the Hindi Demon. When they tried to cross the railway gate and enter into Chidambaram and mingle with another mob waiting beyond the gate with the alleged intent

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of causing riots and damage to public property, the Police tried to disperse them. When repeated oral persuasion failed, the Police used teargas after due warning. When it proved futile, a lathi charge was made, but even this had no effect. The mob became more violent and was at the point of over-powering the Police. After due warning, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Chidambaram ordered the Police to open fire. Four rounds were fired as a result of which one student was killed and another injured. The students retreated from the scene, but later went to the residence of the Registrar and set fire to most of his personal effects, furniture, other articles, etc. and also damaged the University jeep.

As a result of stone throwing, the Revenue Divisional Officer, the Deputy Superintendent of Police and an Assistant Commandant, A.P. Special Police and more than 15 constables were injured.

The Registrar, Annamalai University, has ordered the closure of the University *sine die* and the students have been asked to vacate the hostel.

The Government have ordered an enquiry into the incident under the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952, which is being conducted by the District and Sessions Judge, Cuddalore. The enquiry is in progress. I have been told that the enquiry has been completed.

Incidents at Madurai.—About 5,000 students of various colleges and schools of Madurai assembled at Rajaji Park in the town on the morning of the 25th January 1965. Two students burnt the language section of the Constitution of India and they were arrested. The students then went in procession and when they reached the Urban Congress Office, there was a scuffle between the Congressmen and the students. The students burnt down a pandal in front of the Congress office, damaged the office itself and set fire to a jeep used by the Congress Party. They also tried to assault a Member of the Parliament who happened to be going that way in his car. Apprehending danger to the life of the Member of Parliament, the Police dispersed the crowd using teargas and a mild lathi charge. Nine students and eight Police officers sustained minor injuries.

At about 9 a.m. on the 26th, about four hundred students of Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Tiruparankundram, Madurai, attempted to hoist black flags on the road near their institution. When the Police removed the flags and advised them to disperse in view of the prohibitory order in force, they became violent and indulged in stone throwing. One Sub-Inspector, one Head Constable and 2 Police constables sustained injuries. Police had to use teargas to disperse the crowd. Seventeen shells were fired. Nine persons including 2 students were taken into custody.